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The Mayor's Christmas in July

The mayor of crazy town is visiting some rich guy's large home where he has several artificial containment fields that can be viewed through windows in a long hallway. The rich guy said, "This is the pinnacle of what I have achieved. This is a technology that I crafted and proudly patented. It is artificial climates." He shows the mayor that one of his climates looks icy and deadly and the other one looks hot and tropical. The rich guy continues, "This artificial environment machine can make any climate anywhere as anything. It can make overly hot tropical climates cool and icy and it can make icy climates nice and warm. I invented this to improve the quality of life for people that live in bad climates. This is the kind of thing that will make me win a scientific achievement award." The mayor looks over the environments in awe and his mouth slowly drops open. The mayor gets an idea where he uses the climate machine to make crazy town its own climate where it is deadly icy so no one goes outside and it leads to people staying inside all the time where they become even more socially broken. He also envisions Annie and Jake attempting to brave the icy environment to defeat the mayor but they end up dropping dead from the hostile temperatures. The mayor said, "I want it." The rich guy said, "Well, there is only one of these machines that exist and I happen to own it. It is not for sale." The mayor said, "What if I paid you $145 grand for it?" The rich guy said, "No. I will not sell it for any price." The mayor said, "What if I buy it from you for $75 million?" The rich guy said, "Still no." The mayor said, "What about, $550 million?" The rich guy said, "I don't think you have that kind of money. I don't think the job you brag about pays as well as you think." The mayor said, "Trust me. It does pay a lot more." The rich guy said, "No. I am not selling it. I don't know what would happen if my artificial climate machine ended up in the wrong hands. If terrorists got their hands on this thing, they can use it to manipulate the climates of the world which would ultimately cause the extinction of mankind." The mayor said, "I like those odds."

The mayor gets kicked out of the section with the artificial climate machine and he walks down the hall of the rich guy's mansion. The mayor mumbles to himself, "How am I going to get that machine? I…" The mayor spots one of the rich guy's kids playing with toys and the rich guy goes to the kid. The kid said, "Who's that bald mustache guy?" The rich guy said, "That guy is just some freak that wants our stuff. Don't worry. He's not getting it. You are going to get more stuff in half a year from now when it is Christmas." The kid said, "I love Christmas. I get all the best toys and stuff at that time of year. I wish Christmas could happen more than once a year." The mayor gets an idea from what the kid just said. The mayor leaves the mansion and he walks down the street rubbing his hands together and he said, "If only it can be Christmas right now."

The mayor is in the California Legislature where he goes to the state senate and said, “It has come to my attention that America loves honoring its greatest citizens by allowing them to have holidays of the year. I have provided several exceptional services for the state of California and for America for the past few decades. The people of California view me as a hero as I have successfully rounded up some of the worst people the state had to offer and now they live in my insane asylum disguised as a town. This way the criminally insane can no longer linger on public streets and disrupt the peaceful lifestyles of the fair people of California. One of the worst criminals I have apprehended was an insane girl named Annie that is capable of inventing and coming up with some of the worst experiments that could destroy more than half the planet. Thanks to my efforts, the people of the world are safe from her. Crime rates have ultimately been decreasing and public safety has overall been improving. I have done a great deal of service for this state and country and the least it can do is grant my birthday of July 25 to be a holiday, like a Christmas in July.” The state senate members go over the proposal the mayor has written for them. They all nod in agreement and they vote to make the mayor’s birthday a new holiday.

George Ferrier is on a TV screen and he said, “Hello, I am George Ferrier for DDD News. The state of California has officially made Christmas in July a new official holiday. This holiday was made to honor one of the state’s greatest citizens, Mayor Fidelly Widely. We have him here in our news studio right now.” The news cameras pan to the mayor dressed as Santa and he said, “Ho ho ho. The kids are going to love this new holiday as I will be breaking into all of their houses on the evening of the 24th and giving them Christmas in July presents. Christmas is such a grand and glorious holiday that it is only fair that we celebrate it more than once a year. There will be festivities everywhere. It will be just as awesome as the one in December.” Annie and Jake are standing on a street watching this on a TV and Jake said, “This won’t end well.” Annie said, “The mayor must have pulled tons of strings to get them to make his birthday a holiday. Something tells me he wants this holiday for something more than to celebrate his birthday.”

Annie and Jake walk into the center of the town and they see everyone is setting up Christmas decorations and they haul a large Christmas tree into the town’s center. Isaac and Wayon are overseeing everyone and they have clipboards and they check that everything is being set up correctly. Someone jumps on the Christmas tree and climbs it and places ornaments on it and they try to put a small gold statue of the mayor on the top of the tree. The tree climber falls off the tree and does the Wilhelm scream. Annie and Jake give stern looks to all the Christmas stuff being set up and Isaac spots them. Isaac said, “Annie, Jake, why aren’t you setting up anything?” Annie said, “You never gave us anything to set up.” Jake said, “This is all a sham. This is obviously all some plot from the mayor…” Annie and Jake turn around and they see the mayor dressed as Santa. The mayor puts on a thick white beard and he dresses in a full red Santa suit with fluffy white seams. The mayor said, “Annie, Jake. I’ve been looking for you. We have an appearance to make at the mall and you will be my two elves.” The mayor throws elf costumes at Annie and Jake. The mayor said, “If you don’t take this role, I will have Wayon pound the two of you and tie you into knots again.” They look at Wayon pumping and priming his overly strong thin arms.

Annie and Jake dress as elves and they walk into San Francisco’s largest shopping mall and it looks overly well decorated with Christmas decorations. Stores are advertising for Christmas in July discounts. Jake said, “People are taking this Christmas in July stuff really seriously.” Swarms of crowds of kids see the mayor dressed as Santa and they cheer for him

and Santa waves to all the kids and bounces the pillows he has under his red coat and said, “Ho ho ho! Merry Christmas in July!”

The mayor is seated in a large throne chair that is made out of candy canes. There is a gingerbread house next to it and there are smaller Christmas trees with presents underneath them. Kids line up and they sit on the mayor’s lap while Annie and Jake watch over the kids on Santa’s lap. A twelve year-old boy sits on the mayor’s lap and the mayor said, “What can I get you for Christmas this year, little boy?” The boy said, “I want a Seka Nemesis.” The mayor laughs and speaks with a jolly accent, “A Seka Nemesis? Those things have been discontinued for years. Why would you want one of those, little boy?” The kid said, “I love them. They have all kinds of cool games like Sanick, and Victorman, and Billysby, and Conman’s Zone, and…” The mayor said, “Sure kid. It’s your funeral.”

A four year-old boy sits on they mayor’s lap and the mayor said, “Now what can I get for you little boy?” Jake sticks his head at the boy and he said, “He’s not really Santa Claus. He’s the evil oppressive mayor in disguise.” The mayor said, “Don’t listen to that elf of mine. He is just pissed that he didn’t get a DVD player for Christmas last year. You have to be good if you want something from Santa.” Jake bobs his head to the kid again and he said, “Don’t tell him what you want. He is sitting on the throne of lies.” The mayor flinches his arm back at Jake and said, “Cool it, zippy.” Annie said, “He’s not really going to get you anything. He’s just a fraud in a costume.” Jake grabs onto the mayor’s fake beard and he pulls it off and he yells, “He’s not Santa! He’s a fake!” The kids just give dead eyed stares at Annie and Jake and one of the kids said, “Well, duh. Of course he’s not Santa. Christmas in July is about Mayor Fidelly Widely.” Kids still line up to sit on the mayor’s lap. Annie said, “Well, that didn’t work.” Jake said, “Yeah. I thought kids would be traumatized to find out that Santa isn’t really Santa and is really some guy in a suit.”

The mayor spots the rich guy (the guy that has the artificial environment machine that mayor wants) with his kid in the mall. The mayor ditches his candy cane throne and he goes to see the rich guy and his kid. The mayor said, “Hey again. Why don’t you go sit on my lap? Maybe I can get you something your father can’t get you. Maybe you can tell me how to get into your large mansion of a home so I can bring you a present for Christmas in July.” The kid said, “You just enter through a hidden shingle on the roof and it opens a door and…” The rich guy makes his son shut up and he said, “He doesn’t want anything from you. I can tell you really want something from me. You’re not going to get it. Our deal is off. Merry Christmas in July.” The rich guy leaves with his son eyeing the mayor. Annie and Jake see the mayor trying to convince the rich guy and Annie said, “The mayor seems interested in what that guy has to offer. Maybe he can give us something to fight against this jolly old fool.”

Annie and Jake run to the rich guy and Annie said, “Excuse me sir. I saw the mayor speaking with you. I think he wants something from you and you don’t want to give it to him.” The rich guy gives an odd look to Annie and Jake. He said, “He does want something from me but I don’t see why it would concern you kids.” Annie said, “I’m Annie. I am one of the foremost innovators of the science and technology communities. That mayor imprisoned me and my friend Jake here in his crazy town. The mayor does all kinds of insane and inhumane stuff to us in that place. We have been trying to take him down for years.” The rich guy said, “I think I heard of you before. You’re that Annie that was very smart. I read about you in the paper once and I wanted to give you an internship at my company. I never heard anything more from you. Well, if you want to know, I have an experimental artificial environment

machine and that mayor of yours wants it. I don't know what purpose he would want it for but it could be used to destroy the climates of the world if it is not used properly. It is supposed to improve the quality of life in regions that have poor climates." Annie said, "Now why would the mayor want a machine for something like that? Thanks for your input."

Annie and Jake are at their residence at night which is loaded with gadgets, technologies, and Annie's inventions and experiments. They channel surf and all that is on TV is Christmas in July specials. Jake said, "Everything on TV is just Christmas in July specials." Annie said, "These aren't even original. The mayor just copy and pasted himself into all of our favorite Christmas specials." Jake flips through channels said, "Yeah. There's Fidelly the Wide Nosed Rat Deer, Fidelly the Snowman, Fidelly Saves Christmas, It's a Very Fidelly Widely Christmas in July… They even digitally placed his head on the boy in Alone in the House. It is now, Fidelly Alone." They watch Fidelly's head that was sloppily placed on a boy's body and this boy sets up traps in his house for bad guys that want to steal from it on Christmas eve."

The mayor calls the entire town to the main auditorium where the inhabitants of the crazy town gather to watch what the mayor has in store. The mayor is still dressed as Santa and stands in front of a Christmas tree and he said, "As you all know, the Christmas season has come again and it is everywhere. It is in the shopping malls, the TV, and even, in this crazy town. The spirit of Christmas is so powerful that it can penetrate those heavily guarded barriers keeping all of you out of this town. One of the most important things to do at Christmas time is to give gifts to other people. Christmas is a holiday based on the spirit of gift giving. I encourage all of you to take your most precious things and give them to someone else. It would make someone's Christmas in July much more fun and entertaining."

Annie and Jake walk down the Christmas decorated crazy town streets and Annie said, "The mayor is using more of his brainwashing psychology on us and it is not working." Jake said, "Yeah. Does he think we are really going to randomly give gifts to other kids just to promote this dumb holiday of his?" Annie said, "Yeah. Christmas is really about enjoying the things you already have and the people you enjoy having company with. This town does not honor the spirit of Christmas." Jake said, "If anything, this town is an anti Christmas town."

Annie and Jake arrive at their residence and they find their living space is empty and all their computers and technologies are gone. Their eyes go big and Jake said, "Someone broke into our residence and stole all our stuff." Annie said, "Well, I guess we can't give any gifts this Christmas in July then."

July 24th comes and the streets of crazy town are filled with parades and machines that produce fake snow. The mayor sits in a candy cane throne outside crazy town city hall and he uses a megaphone and he announces, "It is now time for the annual crazy town gift giving. Since you are residents under my town, you are going to be the first to get your Christmas in July presents." Annie sarcastically speaks, "Oh boy, I would love to see where this goes." Annie and Jake pile around the mayor among tons of other crazy town inhabitants. Lily spots Jake and she said, "Hi, Jake. Isn't this the best that we get to celebrate Christmas in July?" Jake said, "Well, I guess." Lily holds mistletoe over her and Jake and she kisses Jake. The mayor takes out a list and he said, "The first name on this list is, TV." TV runs to the mayor while making sounds with his mouth and he grabs his present and he rips it open revealing it is a corded telephone. TV said, "Another phone!!! This is just what I wanted. Now I can call

911 whenever I want to speak to my mom. (TV's mother is a 911 operator and he calls 911 whenever he wants to speak with her.) Thank you so much Santa Mayor." Annie gives the phone a close look and she said, "That looks suspiciously familiar. It looks like the phone I hacked so I can make calls outside of crazy town." Someone else is called up and they open up their gift and it is Annie's computer. Annie said, "Hey, that's my computer!" Jake goes to the guy and he said, "That computer doesn't belong to you. It belongs to Annie so give it to her." The guy said, "No!" Jake tries prying it out of the guy's arms and he smacks Jake off and Jake plummets into a large mound of fake snow. The mayor said, "Patience, little boy. Your turn will come in time."

Annie and Jake watch in horror as all their things are given to various people all over crazy town. The mayor finally calls the names, Annie and Jake and they both come up to receive their presents." Annie and Jake are given gifts and the mayor said, "Well, open them." Annie and Jake open their gifts and they find nothing but coal in them. Annie and Jake said, "Coal?" The mayor said, "Well, coal is given out to bad kids at Christmas and July is no exception. You two have been pretty bad in these past few years so I gave you the best present you two deserve." Annie and Jake walk away from the mayor and he gets up and said, "Now, I will be off to give all the good children of California their gifts and their coal if they were bad. I will be off." Annie and Jake look at Isaac and Wayon as Santa's elves loading themselves into Santa's sleigh and they get it ready to be launched into the sky. Annie said, "Christmas in July is not fair. It is not a real holiday. It is just a ploy from the mayor so he can get something he wants…" Annie puts two and two together and she realizes something. She sees the mayor with Isaac and Wayon and they are installing Annie's gadgets into the sleigh that contain claws and large remote control robot arms that can be used for grabbing and carrying heavy objects. Annie also gets a flashback of the rich guy speaking of his artificial environment machine. Annie said, "The mayor invented Christmas in July so he can get an artificial environment machine. He can control all the environments of the world and make everyone bend to his whims. I will not let him do that. He may have stolen our stuff, but there is one gadget I keep on me all the time that he did not steal." Annie takes out a harpoon gun and she said, "Grab on." Jake grabs onto Annie and Annie fires the harpoon gun and it connects to the back of the sleigh so the mayor with Isaac and Wayon do not notice it. The sleigh takes off and Annie and Jake ascend into the sky with it. Annie reels in the harpoon cable and they get close to the sleigh. They grab onto it and the mayor continues to fly the sleigh over San Francisco.

Annie and Jake look down and they see a large cluster of red and green dots all over the city at nighttime. The mayor starts making the sleigh descend to the ground and it lands on the roof of the rich guy's mansion. The mayor gets out and he hits a shingle on the roof and an opening is revealed. The mayor with Isaac and Wayon jump into the opening in the roof and they are in the palace. The mayor presses a button on a remote and large robot arms with claws come out and they break through some of the walls and they find the location of the artificial environment machine. They connect to it and they are about to move it out of the mansion. The mayor said, "We can make anywhere a paradise and we can make our enemies live in icy hell." Isaac said, "I can score all the hotties I want with this thing." Wayon said, "Our environment is grand and theirs will be bland." They turn around and they see Annie and Jake standing in the hall of the mansion and Annie said, "I know what you want and you're not getting away with it." The mayor said, "Ah, look. Little Annie seems very sure of herself. This thing fully belongs to me. No one will be able to take a stand against me once I have this for myself." Jake said, "I will fight you if I have to." Annie said, "I have a

better idea." Annie pounds on all the doors and she yells, "Intruders!!! Intruders!!!" The rich guy comes out and he sees the mayor with Isaac and Wayon in his mansion. He said, "Hey! How did these guys get in?" Annie said, "They broke in and we tried to stop him." The rich guy sees the mayor has his artificial environment machine in his robot arms and the rich guy said, "You son of a…" The mayor said, "I'm getting away." The rich guy tries to run after the mayor but Wayon pounds him down and Isaac said, "Trust me. It's going to a better place." Isaac and Wayon jump back to the roof and they jump in the sleigh and it takes off before Annie, Jake or the rich guy could get to it. The rich guy said, "Damn. I built this secret entrance so my son can get in if he ever got locked outside. It was a dumb idea in hindsight."

Jake said, "I guess we failed this time." Annie said, "It's not over yet." Annie uses her harpoon gun and she fires a cable that connects to to the sleigh just as it is getting far from the mansion. Annie and Jake zip back to the sleigh and they jump in the cockpit and they put up a fight with the mayor and Isaac and Wayon. Jake tries to fight against Isaac and Wayon and they get the better of him and they hold Jake by his arms over the edge of the sleigh. Annie goes to the artificial environment machine and she activates it and she adjusts some of the controls on it. It begins to snow and it gets horribly deadly icy. More snow starts forming and it becomes a downright blizzard with freezing rain. The mayor loses control of the sleigh and he starts crashing into the street. The sleigh starts spinning and the artificial environment machine falls out and it lands in the street and gets destroyed. The sleigh crashes into a bank of ice.

Annie and Jake start to turn blue and their bodies begin to freeze. They get close to each other and they fall onto the icy street. The mayor has Isaac and Wayon at his sides and he points to Annie and Jake and said, "You are outnumbered. We knew the city would become icy so we dressed for the occasion. You two did not. There is no way you can thwart our plan now." Annie mutters, "The… the… joke...'s on… yo yu yu you because… your en...viron...ment… machine… is broken." The mayor said, "That's nothing. I saw where its remains landed. I can easily collect its remains and reconstruct it and mass produce it. You have failed. This will be your death place. I guess you got one of your goals achieved. You didn't want to die in crazy town and this San Francisco street is not in crazy town so you've got that."

Annie and Jake continue to freeze in place and the mayor with Isaac and Wayon look up as they hear sleigh bells ringing and they see a sleigh come in and land next to them. The real Santa jumps out of the sleigh. Santa said, "Let them go." The mayor said, "Santa? I thought you were a myth." Santa said, "I am not myth. Why do kids claim they have seen me around Christmas? All I know is that you still don't want to admit I exist after that time I gave you coal for Christmas. You deserved that lump of coal and you still deserve another lump now. Free Annie and Jake now." The mayor said, "Or what? I have Isaac and Wayon with me. No one is a match for them." Santa said, "Try me."

Santa fights against Isaac and Wayon and he ends up tying them up into a pretzel. The mayor said, "Eh, anyone can beat those weaklings. Come see what I have." Santa and the mayor fight each other and Santa lures the mayor so Santa has his back to a large bank of ice and the mayor is in front of him. The mayor said, "You lured yourself into a corner. I guess your age is really showing." Santa said, "That's what you think." Santa takes out a candy cane textured laser and he shoots the base of the ice bank behind him and he zips

away while the ice bank forms into an avalanche and plummets on the mayor leaving him frozen under the ice bank.

Santa takes a candy cane textured heat lamp and he melts the ice off the icicles that are Annie and Jake forming a deep steaming puddle. Annie said, “Thanks, Santa.” Jake said, “I’m glad you gave us a real present this Christmas and not what the mayor was going to give us.” Annie said, “May I ask, how did you know to find us here?” Santa said, “I’m not dumb. I follow things that are going on in the world. I heard about Christmas in July and that it was that mayor’s doing. I knew something was up. My weather radar also detected that it suddenly got icy in San Francisco in the middle of summer so I knew something was horribly wrong. That is how I knew where to find you. You did the right thing, Annie and Jake. That mayor really is naughty. I am glad that you have the nice spirit to go against him. That is something that gives you a special place on my nice list. Just remember, the mayor is wrong and you two are right.”

Annie and Jake wake up the next morning and they go to the section of their residence where their equipment and Annie’s gadgets would be and everything is there and it is back as it is supposed to be. Annie and Jake’s eyes light up and they start going through all their stuff. Jake said, “Look, there’s more.” There are some new gadgets and technologies they did not have before. There is a note in a candy cane textured envelope attached to one of the new things. Annie opens it and reads, “’Dear Annie and Jake. I know how hard it has been for you in these past few years and even though Christmas in July was just a dumb ploy the mayor came up with, you still deserve gifts and the spirit of Christmas for more than once a year. Merry Christmas in July, Annie and Jake.’”

The mayor wakes up and he goes to his large Christmas tree and he finds large presents that are wrapped. He opens all of them and they are filled with coal. The mayor said, “Coal? Why would I get coal for Christmas? What bad things did I do to deserve this?”

Meanwhile, in the streets of San Francisco, kids play in the remaining snow and slush as they use it to cool down from the summer heat while the snow and ice lasts.

Merry Christmas in July from Odyssey of Oddities